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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-25 (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) An electro-mechanical braking device according to elaim 15 comprising:

a motor for generating a rotation torque when power is supplied thereto;

a braking pad responsive to the rotation torque of the motor for depressing a braking disc to generate a braking force;

a locking mechanism for maintaining the braking force; and
an electric parking brake mechanism responsive to reception of a
control signal for controlling a parking brake state to actuate or release the lock
mechanism.

wherein the rotation torque generated by the motor is controlled to control the braking force on the basis of step-on amount of a braking pedal or a braking force instruction.

the control signal for controlling the parking brake state is transmitted to the electric parking brake mechanism on the basis of a parking

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brake instruction, and the lock mechanism is actuated or released on the basis of the control signal, and

the control signal for controlling the parking brake state is transmitted to the electric parking brake mechanism on the basis of detecting that a switch for a power source is changed to non-operative state when the braking pedal is stepped on or the braking force instruction is received, and the lock mechanism is actuated on the basis of the control signal so as to maintain the lock mechanism in an actuated state even upon termination of the braking force instruction,

wherein the control signal for controlling the parking brake state is transmitted to the electric parking brake mechanism on the basis of indicating that a starter of an engine is rendered to be non-connected state and detecting that the switch for the power source is changed to be non-operative state when the braking pedal is stepped on or the braking force instruction is received, and the lock mechanism is actuated on the basis of the control signal.

Claims 27-30 (Canceled)